

The last Gamma Alpha meeting of the year was held at the lovely home of Sarah Elsesser on June 17, 2023. There were 13 members in attendance. A delicious lunch, consisting of a Maurice Salad, relishes, and dessert, was shared by everyone.

After lunch, Jackie Smart called the meeting to order at 12 noon. The main order of business was to discuss and plan activities for the coming year. A tentative calendar was distributed to everyone. It was determined that In- Person meetings will start promptly at 5:30 pm, and Virtual meetings will be from 6:00-7:00 pm.

For the Wednesday, September 20th meeting, Sarah Elsesser suggested that our group should take a field trip to The Friendship Circle, Farber Center in West Bloomfield. This is a non-profit organization which provides services for individuals with special needs. Our group will learn about the real life experiences offered to individuals which help them develop these social, physical, and cognitive skills. Our guide will give us a tour to the Art studio and Bakery. The address is: Friendship Circle, Farber Center 5586 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48332

Judy Morante made a motion for Gamma Alpha to donate \$100.00 to the Friendship Circle. Margie Sievert seconded it. The motion passed.

Judi Fisher suggested that our club should donate \$100.00 to the World Fellowship since we won't be holding a vacation auction. Amy Wright made the motion, and the motion passed. Amy will also purchase gift cards for the Fall Conference auction. Jackie also thought Gamma Alpha should give people attending the Fall Conference \$100.00 to encourage attendance.

Fran Saenz suggested Pam Craig, a retired Media Specialist, for a presentation about Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo and their influence on Detroit. Judi Fisher will arrange to have the October 19 meeting in the Northville Library.

The Fall Conference will be held from September, 29-30 at the "H Hotel" in Midland. Details will be on the State Website and in The Wolverine.

Sunday, November 5 is the Annual Gamma Alpha Auction. Jackie stated that she has been delighted with the number of people attending the auction. However, she would appreciate it if members don't delay in sending the money. Otherwise, it makes it more difficult for her to calculate the number coming, and she has to give the final count to Laurel Park in a timely fashion.

Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 14. Place TBA.

January 19 will be the Board Meeting from 6-7 pm. No membership meeting

February 15, there will be a Virtual Membership meeting, to be conducted by Amy Wright. Vintage Valentines will be shared, as well as other activities are planned.

March 14 will have a speaker from the Yankee Air Museum and Rosie the Riveter.

Metro Council Meeting has planned a trip on April 20, to learn about the Underground Railroad in Detroit. The group will visit The Underground Railroad Living Museum, Flight to Freedom at The First Congregational Church in Detroit, 33 E Forest Ave. in Detroit. Lunch will be provided: Fried Chicken, Spaghetti, Cookie, Lemonade and Iced Tea. Cost TBD

April 26 to 28, will be the State Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton, in Bay City. Details will be on the DKG Website and in The Wolverine.

Thursday, May 16 is the annual DKG Birthday Dinner at Genitti's Hole In The Wall in Northville. Awards will be given. There will be Induction of New Members, Installation of New Officers, and the Founders Celebration.

Saturday, June 15 will be the Planning meeting for the next calendar year.

Old Business

Dues that have not been paid need to be sent to Cindy Dietz.

Lynne Elsesser needs to submit the bill for flowers to Beverly House.

Any member who is going to the International Conference in July will be reimbursed \$100.00 by Gamma Alpha

The meeting was adjourned at 1 45 pm by Jackie Smart.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dobrzeniecki,
Co Secretary

DKG Birthday Dinner May 18, 2023 Meeting was called to order by Co-President Jackie Smart at 5:20.

- Co-President Judi Fisher introduced and welcomed our guests from the State Organization.
- Elena Ivanova spoke about upcoming events for DKG International Conference.
- Jackie reminded all that dues of \$85 are due to Cindy, our treasurer.

After dinner, we had some presentations.

- CHAPTER WOMAN OF DISTINCTION - Lynne Elsesser spoke about our Chapter Woman of Distinction, Sarah Elsesser, who is on a field trip to Washington, D.C. Sarah is a very active volunteer working with schools plus a champion skater. She convinced community businesses to donate gift cards and services to our annual auction.
- GRANT-IN -AID PRESENTATION - Joanna Eiwen presented Grant-In-Aid awards to Karen Mosca and Morgan Klabunde. Karen is a first time awardee. Morgan received a grant last year and is receiving the second half of the grant tonight.
- ANNIVERSARY PINS - Cindy presented anniversary pins this evening. They were awarded to Marie Canzoneri for 35 years, Lynn Elsesser for 25 years, Pam Sayre 25 years, and Amy Wright for 20 years of membership.
- FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD - Judy Morante presented the award to Jan Purtell. Jan is a Northville resident and has been very active in the Northville schools and other community organizations that benefit the Northville Schools.
- NEW MEMBER INDUCTION - Karen Mosca was welcomed into the group. Amy held a beautiful Induction Ceremony. Welcome, Karen.
- SERVICE PROJECTS - Judy Morante spoke about the Beverly House. There are only 3 girls living there right now. It was moved by Amy Wright and seconded by Carole Lower that each girl should receive a \$35 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Motion passed. It was moved by Cindy Dietz and seconded by Amy Wright that Lynne Elsesser be given up to \$100 for planting supplies for Beverly house. Motion passed. Any help planting would be appreciated. Contact Lynne Elsesser for further information.
- WHITE ROSE CEREMONY - Amy led a beautiful ceremony honoring members that we have lost; Carol Holland, Grace Morgan, and Debbie Ervin. White roses were placed for them in a vase with white roses for all members of Gamma Alpha who has passed away since we were chartered in 1979.
- FOUNDERS' TRIBUTE - Jackie led a Founder's Tribute to end the Birthday Dinner. Various members opened 'gifts' from each founder.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS - Our planning meeting is June 17th at 11:00 at the home of Sarah Elsesser. Amy Wright will set up a "Sign-Up-Genius" for a Maurice Salad luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Sievert, Co-Recording Secretary